

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs:

Page 1, first two paragraphs:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to an apparatus ~~as defined in the opening part of claim 1: that~~ Such an apparatus has been put on the market by the applicant under the type designation PPF271 and is consequently known. The known apparatus is a facsimile apparatus. The known apparatus has separate guide means for guiding a record carrier to be scanned, which means form additional elements and require additional space. Such additional guide means also raise the production costs and require assembly time, which is unfavorable.

Page 1, third and fourth paragraphs:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the invention to preclude the aforementioned situation and to provide an improved apparatus of the facsimile type ~~defined in the opening part of claim 1.~~

In order to achieve this object an apparatus as defined in the opening part of claim 1, in addition, has the characteristic features ~~as defined in the characterizing part of claim 1: of an apparatus which is configured to print each time one record carrier to be printed, and which is configured to scan each time one record carrier to be scanned, and which has holder means for holding a stack of record carriers to be printed, and which has withdrawal means for withdrawing each time one record carrier to be printed from the stack of record carriers to be printed, and which has load-exerting means which are movable between a load-exerting position and a no-load position and which in their load-exerting position urge the stack held in the holder means, in its area near the withdrawal means, towards the withdrawal means under spring~~

load and in their no-load position assure that a stack of record carriers to be printed can be introduced into the holder means without being influenced by the load-exerting means and which has actuating means for moving the load-exerting means from their load-exerting position into their no-load position, and which has drive means for driving a record carrier to be scanned, and which has guide means for guiding a record carrier to be scanned and to be fed to the drive means, characterized in that the actuating means for moving the load-exerting means are, in addition, configured as guide means for guiding a record carrier to be scanned and to be fed to the drive means.

Page 2, first paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the drawings, which show an embodiment given by way of example but to which the invention is not limited.

Page 2, sixth paragraph:

DESCRIPTION OF THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Fig. 1 shows an apparatus 1 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. In the present case, the apparatus 1 is a facsimile apparatus, hereinafter briefly referred to as the apparatus 1.